

10 October 1955

MEMORANDUM FOR THE RECORD:

SUBJECT : Zeolt ARADI

1. On 4 October 1955 (Monsignor) Gyula MAGYARY reported that Zeolt ARADI had paid him a visit in Rome during the Spring of 1955 (date not further specified). Two topics that arose in their discussion were ARADI's recently published book, Springs to Our Lady around the World, and an interest on ARADI's part in any KUBARK ^{Country} ~~Letter~~ ties MAGYARY might still have.

2. Monsignor MAGYARY jokingly reproached ARADI for failing to acknowledge his contribution to Springs to Our Lady, and for having deprived him of his share of the royalties derived from the book. ARADI took these remarks seriously, profusely apologized, and promised the Monsignor that the second edition would be dedicated to him.

3. ARADI questioned MAGYARY about when he last was in contact with [] and if he knew what [] was doing. MAGYARY replied that [] had called on him socially in Rome while en route somewhere else (unspecified) during the summer of 1944 that they had had dinner together, and that he did not know [] current interests. The Monsignor stated that he did not want ARADI to feel that there was more to this contact than a simple courtesy call. (1)

4. Obviously embarrassed when he spoke of [] ARADI asked Monsignor MAGYARY whether [] had mentioned his name. The Monsignor replied "only in passing when discussing mutual wartime associates in Italy." Willing to elicit more, ARADI then spoke of his gratitude to [] for having helped settle him in the United States and for having assisted him in many other ways. Monsignor MAGYARY felt that ARADI had mentioned this in order to trap him into a discussion of [] present activities, and to determine whether MAGYARY had learned anything about ARADI's having defrauded one of [] close friends out of a considerable sum of money in 1948.

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5. Monsignor MAGYARI managed to lead the conversation into other innocuous topics. Subsequently, MAGYARI learned from ARADI that he had been commissioned to write a second book, nature unspecified, presumably along ecclesiastical lines. ARADI also mentioned that he maintained close ties with Tibor GOMBARTY, former member of the Hungarian National Council in the United States.

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- (1) It was at this time that [] with the approval of [] to assist in the Hungarian legal traveller program.